

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the License )  
to Practice Psychology: )

DAVID H. GROBERG )  
(PSY-3 AND PSY-51) )  
Petitioner. )  
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Case No. PSY-3-89-1

ORDER

ON PETITION FOR LENIENCY

David H. Groberg's Petition for Reconsideration/Leniency/Re-Evaluation came on for hearing before the Board of Psychologist Examiners on October 25, 1991. All four members of the Board of Psychologist Examiners attended and participated in the hearing; Craig Beaver, Ph.D., the Chairman of the Board, presided.

The Petitioner requested disqualification of Maria Krasnec, Ph.D., from the Board for purposes of the discussion and determination of the Petition. By unanimous agreement, the Board denied this request.

The State of Idaho appeared by and through its attorney of record, Kay C. Manweiler, Deputy Attorney General. David H. Groberg appeared in person without counsel at his own request.

Petitioner submitted testimonial and documentary evidence. The documentary evidence considered by the Board was M. B. Hiller's Affidavit in Support of the Petition for Leniency and a letter to the Board from the Petitioner's wife. The testimonial evidence presented was David H. Groberg's own testimony.

After having heard the testimony and reviewed the documentary evidence, the Board makes the following findings:

1. That by his own admission, David H. Groberg engaged in an unethical dual relationship with Karen Peterson.

2. That by his own admission, David H. Groberg has engaged in other unethical dual relationships involving other clients.

3. That David H. Groberg has suffered personally and financially as a result of these relationships and as a result of the process leading up to the filing of the Petition for Lenience before this Board.

4. That prior to the time of the complaint which furnished the basis for this action, David H. Groberg had practiced for approximately 20 years and was generally accepted as making a positive contribution to his local community.

5. That since the time of the complaint and order revoking his license to practice, and even before, David H. Groberg has attempted personal rehabilitation in an attempt to correct his behavioral patterns.

6. That David H. Groberg admits he exploited Karen Peterson for his personal gain.

7. That David H. Groberg admits that his conduct was seriously in error and that he believes that a contributing cause of this conduct was his personal "ambiguity" with respect to the role of sexuality in the therapist-client relationship.

Based on the facts noted above, the Board unanimously concludes that Petitioner engaged in unethical conduct and violated Principal 6(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Idaho State Board of Psychology by engaging in sexual relations with Karen Peterson, by exploiting her for his personal gain, by failing to properly terminate the professional relationship with Ms. Peterson and by failing to recommend another therapist for her. The Board further unanimously concludes that Petitioner's conduct involving Karen Peterson was an extreme deviation from acceptable behavior within the therapist-client relationship.

#### ORDER

Based on these findings and conclusions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That Petitioner David H. Groberg's license to practice psychology in the state of Idaho is hereby revoked for a period of two years, effective June 1, 1990.

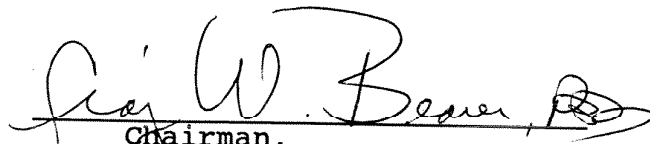
David H. Groberg may reapply for licensure on June 1, 1992, provided he satisfactorily fulfills the following conditions:

1. TREATMENT: A course of treatment of not less than once a week, for not less than six months, with a Board-approved, licensed psychologist of the female gender. Dr. Groberg will assure that the Board has free access to all treatment notes, evaluations, and comments of the therapist as well as the opportunity to meet with the therapist before, during and after treatment to facilitate the Board in assessing Dr. Groberg's fitness for licensure.

2. EDUCATION: A course of study of not less than nine credit semester credit hours (or the equivalent) from an accredited institution at the graduate level. This may not be a correspondence course. The coursework shall involve clinical theoretical studies with basic emphasis on psychodiagnostic techniques, therapeutic relationships and ethics as approved by the Board.

On the satisfactory completion of the conditions set forth above, and on successful completion of his application to do so, David H. Groberg will be permitted to practice for one year as a psychologist under supervision, which must be satisfactorily completed according to the requirements set forth in Sections J and K of the Rules of the state board, prior to his being issued an unrestricted license to practice.

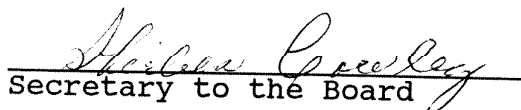
DATED This 22nd day of November, 1991.

  
Chairman,  
Board of Psychologists

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the 22nd day of November, 1991, I placed a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER, postage prepaid into the United States mail, addressed to the following:

David H. Groberg  
34232 Colorado Lake Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97333

  
Secretary to the Board